

COUNTY'S FIRST CONVENTION

Was Attended by a Full Delegation from Every Club but Two. Much Interest Manifested in the Organization of the Convention and the Election of a State Executive Committee.

Dillon county received its first baptism of practical politics Monday when the County Democratic Convention met in the Dillon Opera House. It was the occasion for the political christening of the baby county and the high priests came from many sections to dip their fingers in the political waters and sprinkle the brow of the lusty infant. There were sent all sorts of politicians, past-masters and post-ones in the political arts and who's down to the first grade kindergarten students of the political school. Some were there for a purpose, others were there merely as witnesses to the ceremonies, while others were there to "feel" the strength of friends who are candidates for office. In a sense it was a notable gathering. It marked the real opening of the first political campaign in Dillon county and the struggle for vantage ground in the political arena which was a conspicuous feature of the meeting, was not without an element of interest.

The convention was called to order by Temporary Chairman R. P. Hamer, Jr., who surrendered the chair to Mr. J. H. Manning and then placed the name of Mr. Manning in nomination for permanent chairman. The name of A. B. Jordan was placed before the convention for secretary and both were elected by acclamation. The delegations were then organized and the when the chair announced that nominations were in order for a state executive committee the names of R. P. Hamer, E. R. Hamer and T. W. Berry were placed in nomination. In the first ballot neither of the nominees received a majority and second ballot was taken on Messrs. R. P. and E. R. Hamer which resulted in the election of Mr. R. P. Hamer as state executive committeeman by a vote of 39 to 38.

There was a spirited contest the election of a state executive committeeman and the discussions that followed were lively times full of snap and gin. The atmosphere of the convention was charged and surcharged with politics and at times excitement was so intense that a spectator was reminded of the ring times in the early nineties when the issues were sharply drawn.

After the election of a state executive committeeman there was no further business before the convention and Dillon county's first Democratic Convention was adjourned to meet again at the call of the chairman.

Following were the delegates present:

Hamer: R. P. Hamer, Jr., J. R. Jackson, J. H. Campbell, J. B. McEachern, T. J. Walker, H. Harrelson, D. A. McCallum, D. McDuffie, J. F. Martin, A. J. Campbell, J. A. McEachern, A. J. Carmichael, D. F. McIntyre, J. R. Regan.—14.

Centerville: W. B. Allen, T. C. Parham, J. D. Manning, R. L. Ivey, J. J. Allen, J. B. Pierce, J. W. Nicholson.—7.

Fore: J. Rich Hayes, E. L. Berry, J. D. Proctor, J. S. Tart, J. R. Smith, M. H. Bounds, W. H. Harper, Tracey E. Fore.—8.

Little Rock: L. A. Manning, T. L. Manning, J. W. Hamer, Dr. Smith, M. S. Britt, A. Schaffer, A. M. Bethea, C. C. Bridges.—8.

Maple Mill: C. M. Paylor, G. D. Barlow, R. B. English, I. L. Cannon.—4.

Campbells Bridge: W. J. Turbeville, W. H. Miller, W. T. McKensie, J. H. Berry, J. H. Stackhouse.—5.

Judson: W. McInness, P. L. Bethea, D. McLaurin, H. McRae, S. T. Moore, Brooks Hamer, D. C. Sinclair.—7.

Fork: W. K. Fort, L. K. Bethea, C. E. Taylor, Oliver Carmichael, R. S. Moore.—5.

ROGERS AND HODGES BOTH

Will Be Candidates For Congress.

Pee Dee Advocate.

Sellers, February 1—Senator Thos. I. Rogers, of Marlboro, was here yesterday on his way to Columbia to resume his duties in the upper house. While here he publicly announced his attention of being a candidate for congress against the present incumbent, his cousin, the Hon. J. E. Ellerbe.—News and Courier.

The above announcement is not unexpected by Senator Rogers' friends, as it has been known here for some time that he was contemplating entering the race for congress.

HODGES ALSO IN THE RACE

P. A. Hodges, who was a candidate for congress two years ago, announced at the time of his defeat, and has been reiterating the announcement since that time, that he will again be a candidate to represent the sixth district in congress. He says that the announcement of Senator Rogers will in no wise change his plan, and that he will certainly be in the race, regardless of who else runs.

OLD POLITICAL OPPONENTS

Messrs. Rogers and Hodges have long been political opponents and their rivalry culminated four years ago in one of the bitterest campaigns for the state senate ever conducted in this county.

It was while the investigating committee was uncovering the rottenness of the state dispensary, and its enemies were making a supreme effort to overthrow that institution. Two dispensary candidates had been announced for the senate in this county, when Mr. Hodges was put forward as the prohibition candidate. Mr. Rogers was then put in the race as the strongest exponent of the dispensary. There was much unpleasantness in the strenuous campaign which followed.

Messrs. Rogers and Hodges ran close together in the first primary and were both in the second race, Mr. Rogers winning by a small majority.

Two years ago Senator Rogers supported Mr. Ellerbe for congress.

OTHER CANDIDATES

It is conceded by all parties that Congressman Ellerbe will be a candidate for re-election.

The Darlington News and Press announces that George W. Brown of Darlington will be in the race. Mr. Brown represented Darlington county in the state senate several years, and was once a candidate for solicitor.

Others spoken of are Col. D. A. Spivey of Horry and Dr. Olin Sawyer of Georgetown.

It is reported that J. W. Ragsdale of Florence and J. R. Coggeshall of Darlington, who were in the race in 1908, will not be candidates this year.

Dillon: W. T. Bethea, J. W. King, A. B. Jordan, W. M. Hamer, T. A. Dillon, P. B. Sellers, E. L. Moore, J. C. Davis, J. H. David, W. L. Bethea, L. Edwards, I. I. Fass, R. P. Stackhouse, F. Watkins, E. R. Hamer, J. B. Richardson, R. S. Davis, J. D. Hargrove, A. J. C. Cottingham.—19.

Bermuda: T. T. Moody, S. F. Stevens, Fred Oliver, L. B. Stevens.—4.

Latta: T. W. Berry, J. H. Manning, H. A. Bethea, R. J. Dew, E. A. Bethea, H. C. Finklea, W. W. Sellers, Joseph Allen, T. J. Bass, J. E. Henry, J. B. Smith, B. H. Atkinson, H. E. K. Smith, E. B. Berry.—14.

Kemper: B. F. Edwards, R. K. Hayes, F. C. Rogers, W. T. Moody, P. J. Hayes, Harlie Rogers, R. S. Rogers, C. B. Arnett.—9.

Total 104.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Senator:

The many friends of T. A. Dillon hereby announce him a candidate for the State Senate, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party.

At the solicitation of many friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Senate.
J. H. Manning.

The many friends of Dr. Wade Stackhouse announce him as a candidate for the State Senate, subject to the rules governing the democratic primary.

The many friends of R P Hamer, Jr, knowing his fitness and experience for the position hereby announce him a candidate for the office of Senator of Dillon County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party

House of Representatives.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the house of representatives of Dillon County subject to the rules of the democratic primary. Preston. L. Bethea.

For Clerk of Court.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court of Dillon county and pledge myself to abide by the rules of the Democratic primary and to support the nominees thereof.

Jack R. Watson.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court for Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party
M. Manning.

The many friends of John C. Bethea hereby announce him a candidate for Clerk of Court of Dillon County subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic Primary.

For Sheriff.

The many friends of J. Dudley Haselden hereby announce him as candidate for the office of Sheriff of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Dillon county, and pledge myself to abide by the rules of the Democratic party and to support the nominees thereof.

R. H. Webster.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.
S. F. Stephens.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primaries.
F. M. Page.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.
Joe M. Bass.

Long before the county of Dillon was a reality, I was solicited to stand as a candidate for Sheriff of our new county, and now I hereby announce myself as the peoples candidate for Sheriff. Thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office and every section of the county, I flatter myself that I am fully qualified to discharge the duties of the office to the satisfaction of all the people. Thanking you in advance for your support and kind deeds in my behalf I am yours to serve, John B. Hamer.

For Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Dillon County, to be voted on in the primary election and having confidence in my ability, I promise, if elected, to discharge all the duties of the office in a faithful, honest and honorable manner.
Respectfully, E. C. Allen

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.
W. McInness.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Dillon county, pledging myself to abide by the rules of the Democratic primary and to support the nominees thereof.

S. D. Jordan
For Supervisor

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.
J. W. Rowland

The friends of T. J. Walker having utmost confidence in his honesty, practical experience and systematic knowledge of bridge and road building, ask the voters of Dillon County to give him their undivided support for the office of Supervisor of Dillon County subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary
S. W. Jackson.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Supervisor of Dillon County, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.
R. K. Hayes.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Dillon county, and pledge myself to support the rules of the Democratic primary.
David Miller.

Superintendent of Education.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Education of Dillon county, and pledge myself to abide by the rules of the Democratic party and to support the nominees thereof.
Joe P. Lane.

The friends of Robt. Rogers hereby announce him as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Education of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

For Auditor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Auditor of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.
C. G. Bruce.

At the solicitation of many friends throughout the county of Dillon I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Auditor, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. H. McRae.

The candidacy of Mr. F. T. McLellan for Auditor of Dillon county is hereby announced.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.
J. Frank Bethea.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Auditor of Dillon County. Subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.
T. L. Bass.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Auditor Dillon County, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.
J. H. Sedberry.

For Probate Judge.

The many friends of W. H. Breeden hereby announce him a candidate for the office of Probate Judge for Dillon county, subject to rules governing democratic primaries.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Probate Judge of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.
R. A. Brunson, Sr.

It affords the friends of Elihu Muldrow great pleasure to announce him for the office of Probate Judge. He agrees to abide by the rules of the Democratic Primary. If elected to the position he will make the people a good and faithful servant. Let us vote for Mr. Muldrow for Probate Judge.

At the solicitation of many friends I have decided to offer myself for the office of Probate Judge of Dillon county. I feel that I am well qualified to fill the place as I have been engaged in book work nearly all my life. If elected I

shall do my best to fill the place with credit to myself and honor to the new county.

A. K. Parham.

For Coroner:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

T. T. Moody.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Dillon county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.
W. Clarence McKenzie.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Dillon county, and pledge myself to abide by the rules of the Democratic party.
G. R. Williams.

Mr. W. M. Taylor, who has lost his right arm, which should appeal to every voter in Dillon County; not only this: he is a good and worthy citizen and will fill the office of Coroner to the satisfaction of all the people. He stands pledged to abide by the rules of the Democratic Primary. Remember Taylor when you cast your vote.

To the voters of Dillon County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner, subject to rules of the Democratic primary. I promise, if I am elected, that I will discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.
Yours respectfully,
B. F. Gasque.

COUNCIL CONSIDERING LIGHT FRANCHISE.

A Syndicate Backed by Local Capital Proposes to Purchase Electric Light Plant, Provided Council Will Grant an Exclusive Franchise.

Council has before it a proposition from local capitalists to purchase the electric light plant which it is proposed to enlarge and improve until the capacity is sufficient to furnish electric current for all domestic purposes. The members of the syndicate ask for a franchise which will give them the exclusive right to own and operate an electric light plant in the town of Dillon for a period of 20 years. Ever since the plant began to deteriorate some years ago the problem of providing electric current for the town has been a perplexing one. Time and again Council has been divided on the question of whether or not it will be to the interest of the citizens to grant an exclusive franchise to outside parties or to issue bonds and install an up-to-date municipal plant. One or the other should be done. The town has been in darkness for several months and the public is growing impatient. The present plant is "down an out," so to speak and the Mayor has very wisely cut out the residence lights and is furnishing the business district with all the current that can be obtained from the single generator now in use, but while the town is growing the plant is deteriorating and ere many weeks the city will be in total darkness. The time has come for Council to take some action one way or the other and the public is anxiously awaiting some recommendation from it.

Council has before it the following proposition from several local business men:

Gentlemen: We understand that the proposition made to your body by Dr. Wade Stackhouse has been rejected and in such event we beg to make the following proposition: We offer the sum of \$5,000 for the electric light plant now owned by the town, the same to include all machinery and property of every kind, real and personal and an exclusive 20 year franchise, said franchise to be made up from the franchises of any four towns within a radius of 25 miles of Dillon, S. C., or any town with like conditions to the town of Dillon. We agree that price per K. W. shall not exceed 10¢ to consumers and other clauses as above specified. In the event that this proposition is accepted we agree to turn over to the clerk of the town of Dillon the sum of \$150 subject to mutual agreement on franchise rights. After such agreement, we agree to turn over to the clerk and treasurer of the town of Dillon, the

PRIMARY ORDERED MARCH 15TH AND 29TH.

Dillon County's First Elections will be Held March 15th and 29th. Executive Committee Fixes Schedule for Campaign and Names Managers of Election.

Pursuant to the notice in the last issue of The Herald the County Democratic Executive Committee went into session after the adjournment of the County Convention Monday. The Committee is composed of the following gentlemen, all of whom were present with the exception of a representative from Mt. Calvary, a newly organized precinct which has not yet elected officers:

Dillon: W. T. Bethea, Latta: R. J. Dew, Centerville: W. B. Allen, Hamer: R. P. Hamer, Jr. Campbells Bridge: F. M. Page, Fork: R. S. Moore, Judson: Brooks Hamer, Kemper: R. K. Hayes, Bermuda: S. F. Stephens, Fore.

Maple Mill: G. D. Barlow, Jas H. Manning, chairman, and A. B. Jordan, secretary of the County Democratic Convention, were elected chairman and secretary and treasurer respectively.

The first primary was ordered to be held on Tuesday, March 15th, and the second primary was ordered to be held on Tuesday, March 29th.

The following schedule for the county campaign was arranged: Pages Mills, March 8th; Hamer March 9th; Little Rock March 10th; Latta March 11th; Dillon March 12th.

The candidates for the various offices were assessed as follows:

Clerk of Court \$25.00, Supervisor \$20.00, Sheriff \$25.00, Supt. of Education \$15.00, Auditor \$20.00, Treasurer \$20.00, Probate Judge \$5.00, Coroner \$5.00.

The following were appointed managers of election:

Latta: W. Ellis Bethea, D. M. Dew, T. W. Berry, Hamer: Watson McDaniel, Daniel McDuffie, Jas McLellan, Little Rock: C. C. Bridges, N. A. Berry, L. A. Manning, Kemper: Hiniard Rogers, Alex Page, Ed. Hill, Fore: J. Rich Hayes, E. L. Berry, Jno. D. Coleman, Fork: L. K. Bethea, W. K. Fort, Oliver Carmichael.

Campbells Bridge: Roy Alford, H. B. Floyd, Julius Rowell, Judson: R. M. Jackson, Jno. L. Breeden, Frank Smith.

Centerville: D. McL. Bethea, R. L. Alford, D. E. Allen, Maple Mill: I. L. Cannon, Jas. Biggs, Len Lovell.

Gaddys Mill: B. F. Edwards, W. B. Gaddy, Wylie Lopo, Bermuda: L. L. Stephens, Malloy Butler, R. M. Oliver.

Dillon: T. S. Richbourg, W. S. Campbell, F. Watkins, Mt. Cavalry:

Managers of election will be allowed \$1 per diem and the clerk of each poll will be allowed the same. Five cents per mile is allowed one way for receiving and returning the ballot boxes.

Candidates will be required to file their pledges and pay their assessments on or before 12 M., on Tuesday, March 8th, the day on which the campaign opens.

The ballot boxes will be ready for delivery on March 12th., the Saturday preceding the day of the first primary and managers are requested to apply for same to the secretary on that date.

sum of \$350 pending a ratification of the franchise by the qualified voters of the town of Dillon. In case of ratification we agree to pay the full sum of \$5,000, less the sums previously paid within the period of thirty days. In case of failure to agree upon a franchise the said sum of \$150 to be returned to us. The essence of this contract being the purchase of the electric light plant of the town of Dillon with the proper franchise ratified by the electors on the part of the Town and the payment of a certain sum, to wit the amounts above specified on our part, failure on the part of either party to comply with all clauses of this offer, are to stand released and this proposal to stand null and void.